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SUBJECT : PONIATOWSKI PROMISES MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR
COLLOMB'S RELECTION IN LYON

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INTERIOR MINISTER PONIATOWSKI VISITED LYON THIS WEEK TO
PRESIDE OVER CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES OF THE LYON
CONTINGENT OF THE COMPAGNIES REPUBLICAINES DE SECURITE
(NATIONAL SECURITY POLICE FORCE) AND TO DECORATE 25
MEMBERS OF THE FORCE FOR BRAVERY.

AFTER THE CEREMONY THE MINISTER MET WITH THE MAYOR OF LYON,
SENATOR FRANCISQUE COLLOMB, TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. WITH REFERENCE TO THE SOUSTELLE
CANDIDACY, SEE REFTEL, PONIATOWSKI TOLD COLLOMB THAT IT
WAS UNDESIRABLE TO HAVE TWO SEPERATE BALLOTS IN LYON AND
THAT HE WOULD THEREFORE URGE THE PARTNERS OF THE
MAJORITY, WHO ARE ALREADY FAVORABLY INCLINED, TO SUPPORT
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THE LIST HEADED BY THE PRESENT MAYOR. AFTER THE INTERVIEW,
COLLOMB TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT
MINISTER PONIATOWSKI REACTED FAVORABLY TO HIS CANDIDACY,
BUT HE ADDED 'I DO NOT EXPECT A BLESSING FROM PARIS, THIS
ELECTION IS A MATTER FOR THE LYONNAIS'. THUS THE NEW MAYOR
APPEARS TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF HIS PREDECESSOR, PRADEL,
WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS INDEPENDENCE FROM PARIS POLITICAL

CIRCLES.

IN RESPONSE DEPUTE AND FORMER MINISTER SOUSTELLE ISSUED
A STATEMENT DECLARING SURPRISE THAT MINISTER PONIATOWSKI
AS LEADER OF THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN PARTY WOULD
GIVE HIS EXCLUSIVE SUPPORT TO WHAT HE CALLED THE
'INTERIM' MAYOR OF LYON. HE FURTHERMORE REMINDED THE
PUBLIC THAT AS PARLEMENTARIAN AND MEMBER OF THE MAJORITY
HE HAD BEEN THE ONLY ONE OF 5 LYON CONGRESSMEN TO SUPPORT
THE CANDIDACY OF GISCARD D'ESTAING FROM THE START
IN 1974. HE ADDED THAT A MAJOR CITY LIKE LYON WOULD
NEVER ACCEPT A CANDIDATE IMPOSED UPON IT BY PARIS.
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